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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DELEGATION FROM NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-
CHINA TRADE

REFS: A. STATE 159467; B. PEKING 801

1. PRCLO HAS INFORMED NCUSCT THAT CCIPT REQUESTS NCUSCT TRIP TO CHINA BE POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 2 OR 3. REASON GIVEN WAS THAT OCTOBER 1 ACTIVITIES AND PRESENCE OTHER VISITORS DURING OCTOBER WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR CCPIT TO RECEIVE GROUP IN OCTOBER AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY CCPIT.

2. PRCLO ALSO ASKED THAT NCUSCT GROUP ENTER CHINA "AS OTHERS DO" VIA HONG KONG AND CANTON RATHER THAN BY CHARTER FLIGHT.

3. AMBASSADOR PHILLIPS, PRESIDENT OF NCUSCT, SAYS THEY ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE HOW CHANGE IN DATE MAY AFFECT COMPOSITION OF GROUP, SINCE SOME MEMBERS MAY HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS FOR NOVEMBER. (FYI, PHILLIPS SAID THAT ONE MEMBER OF GROUP URGED THAT USLO BE ASKED TO INTERVENE WITH CCPIT IN EFFORT RESTORE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE. PHILLIPS AND DEPTOFFS
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AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AND PROBABLY FRUIT-

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4. DEPT. HAD EARLIER CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REF. B TO NCUSCT WHICH WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY USLO SUGGESTION THAT NCUSCT PROPOSE SEVERAL CONCRETE MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND THAT THESE BE CONVEYED TO CCPIT IN ADVANCE. NCUSCT HAS ASKED FOR OUR ADVICE REGARDING SUCH PROPOSALS, AND WE WILL WELCOME ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS USLO MAY HAVE, INCLUDING MATTERS OTHER THAN TRADE MISSIONS AND EXHIBITIONS.

5. REFTELS BEING REPEATED HONG KONG. RUSH

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